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In Re Application of:

Date: August 5, 2004

CHING, et al.

Confirmation No: 4574

Serial No: 09/784,865

Group Art Unit: 2172

Filed: February 15, 2001

Examiner: Fleurantin, J.

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FILE SYSTEM SYNCHRONIZATION  
BETWEEN A CENTRAL SITE AND PLURALITY OF REMOTE SITES

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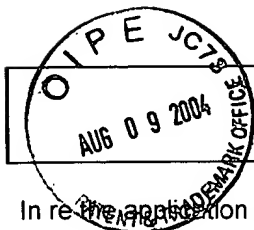
AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application in the following manner:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.



## TRANSMITTAL FORM

Attorney Docket No.  
**STL920000089US1**  
**1914P**In re: application of **CHING, et al.**Date: **August 5, 2004**Serial No: **09/784,865**Group Art Unit: **2172**Filed: **February 15, 2001**Examiner: **Fleurantin, Jean B.**For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FILE SYSTEM SYNCHRONIZATION BETWEEN A CENTRAL SITE AND A PLURALITY OF REMOTE SITES**

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| CLAIMS             |                                  |   |              |            |         |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------|------------|---------|
| FOR                | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest # of Claims Previously Paid For | Extra Claims | RATE       | FEE     |
| Total Claims       | 15                               | 20                                      | 0            | \$18.00    | \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3                                | 3                                       | 0            | \$86.00    | \$ 0.00 |
|                    |                                  |   |              | Total Fees | \$ 0.00 |

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| Attorney Name                              | Joseph A. Sawyer, Jr., Reg. No. 30,801 |
| Signature                                  |  |
| Date                                       | August 5, 2004                         |

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